GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:300
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COMPENSATION TO GUJARAT RIOT VICTIMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) have made any recommendations including increase in compensation in regard to the victims of riots in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the recommendations have been accepted by the Government;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of persons who have been given the compensation so far and the total amount spent by the Government under this head;

(f) the extent to which compensation paid to the victims has helped them to rehabilitate themselves; and

(g) the number of persons still remaining in the camps set up for riot victims for want of compensation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. I. D. SWAMI)

(a) to (g): The National Commission for Minorities had, in April, 2002 made certain recommendations. These include increase in compensation to the families of those killed in the recent violence in Gujarat. This recommendation was considered and an amount of Rs. 1.5 lakhs, which is inclusive of Rs. 1 lakh from the Prime Minister`s Relief Fund, was fixed after the Prime Minister`s visit to Gujarat in April, 2002. A sum of Rs. 1127.20 lakhs has been disbursed in 767 cases out of the estimated 983 cases so far with the gradual improvement in the situation the number of camps and inmates has gradually declined and as on 1.7.2002, there were ten relief camps with 13179 inmates in the State. Other recommendations pertain to issues like restoration of confidence, transfer of officers, rebuilding of places of worship damaged during the riots, awards for meritorious officers etc. which are the primary concerns of the State Government, who as per information available with us have furnished their Action Taken Report/comments to the Commission directly.